

sacrifice. We remember the 120 officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives last year while in the line of duty.

Peace officers separate us from the outlaws. They separate anarchy from law and order. They help bring justice to crime victims, and peace to communities that crime has affected. We must support our peace officers because they support us, the home-front. And that's just the way it is.

MAYRA BARRERA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mayra Barrera for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Mayra Barrera is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mayra Barrera is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mayra Barrera for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEEDS
AND SERVICES OF ALICE M. BENOIT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, recognize, and invoke the memory of Alice M. Benoit, a nurse that traveled around the world, from Libya, to Mexico, and finally to D.C. where she settled as a nurse at the Rayburn House Office Building giving 25 years of excellent service.

Alice M. Benoit was born in St. John's, Newfoundland and immigrated to the United States in 1945 in order to "see the world". Pursuant to that dream, she joined the Army Nurse Corps where she assisted in healing our soldiers in U.S. bases in Libya and in 1948 was granted U.S. citizenship. She also served as head nurse at the U.S. embassy in Mexico City and afterwards she worked in Texas, Alabama, and Florida.

Later on she found herself on Capitol Hill looking for employment. She had an interview with the Attending Physician's office and landed a job at the Rayburn House Office Building in 1967. During her tenure on the Hill, she provided health services to Members of Congress, staff members, and the American people who came to visit the Capitol every day. Former Representative Tom Downey (D-NY) remembered that Alice not only provided med-

ical services, but she also provided a "soothing word to people when they needed it". She was known to be "terrifically confident and competent."

After serving 25 years on Capitol Hill, she received a Letter of Commendation for her extended service from Dr. Robert C. J. Krasner, the Former Attending Physician of the Capitol. Soon afterwards she retired in February 1992 with plans to travel with her husband, Eugene Benoit, and "read a few good books". In April 19, 2013 Alice passed away from pneumonia at an assisted-living facility in Melbourne, Florida.

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE NATHANIEL HOLT

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, we are gathered to celebrate the life of Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt, a cornerstone in the Providence community; and

Whereas, Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt was born in Nashville, Tennessee, educated in the Davidson County Public Schools and was a longtime member of Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, he was a member of the "Greatest Generation" having served our nation with honor in the U.S. Army during World War II; and

Whereas, Mr. Holt gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life with unwavering commitment to his family and community; and

Whereas, he was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a neighbor and a friend; he was a man who enjoyed life, savoring the moments with Jennie, his wife and life partner of sixty-two (62) years and their three children, Clarence, Kathy and Charles; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of February, 2013.

MERCEDES FIGUEROA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mercedes Figueroa for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Mercedes Figueroa is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mercedes Figueroa is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mercedes Figueroa for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MORRIS COUNTY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mental Health Association of Morris County; located in the Borough of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 60th Anniversary.

The Mental Health Association of Morris County is a local chapter of the New Jersey Division of the National Mental Health Association, now known as Mental Health America. In earlier days of mental health treatment, asylums often restrained the mentally ill with chains and shackles. With the advent of better understanding came more humane treatments, and the cruel practice was halted. In the early 1950s, Mental Health America issued a call to asylums across the country for their discarded fetters. On April 13, 1956, the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore, Maryland, recast these into the Mental Health Bell, to be a sign of hope for improving mental health and achieving victory over mental illnesses. The bell, now the symbol of Mental Health America, serves as a powerful reminder of the invisible chains of misunderstanding and discrimination that continue to bind people with mental illnesses.

The Mental Health Association of Morris County was incorporated in 1953, when a small number of people in recovery from mental illness and their families decided to bring the advocacy organization local, for a better mental health system of care. The mission of this organization is to promote mental health and to support and empower people in recovery from mental illness through effective services, education, and advocacy. Within the community of Morris County, the Mental Health Association provides services to those who are most devastated by mental illness, giving them hope for recovery. They employ peer workers who have gone through similar struggles to help coach the next generation of mentally ill. The organization aids those in need transition from homelessness to housing, and from psychiatric hospitals to the community. Additionally, the Mental Health Association of Morris County serves as advocates of community education, improvement of services, policies, and resources, and promotes self help.

The goal of independence for those suffering, both financially and in conducting their lives, is an important aspect of promoting wellness. Financial support and counseling allows mentally ill people to live independently in their permanent housing opportunities where they might otherwise end up in expensive institutional or jail facilities. Their Peer-to-

Peer Support Line, staffed by those recovering from mental illness, also provides cost-efficient access to counselors if the mentally ill person is suffering from a psychiatric emergency. These services reach over 3,000 people per year. The Mental Health Association of Morris County has a staff of 85, a volunteer Board of Directors, and over 100 volunteers working to achieve this mission, on a budget of only \$6 million. They are a lead county agency in promoting recovery and wellness from people with mental illness and their families. They continue to embody a just and humane approach to promoting integration into a community in which all people with mental illness are accorded respect, dignity, and the opportunity to achieve their full potential, free from stigma and discrimination.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mental Health Association of Morris County as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: Lloyd Harry Bigler, U.S. Air Force; Gordon L. Case, U.S. Air Force; Marion Elza Hill, U.S. Air Force; Robert Verdell Lance, U.S. Air Force; Glenn M. Lee, U.S. Air Force; James Minturn, U.S. Air Force; Arthur H. Moon, U.S. Air Force; Earl Thompson, U.S. Air Force; Charles M. Williams, U.S. Air Force; Richard K. Blackwell, U.S. Army; Lawrence Bloom, U.S. Army/U.S. Navy; Merle J. Cooper, U.S. Army; Ambrose Denfeld, U.S. Army; Robert F. Dougherty, U.S. Army/U.S. Air Force; Jack E. Lawrence, U.S. Army; Frank James Mackey, U.S. Army; Jack Marsh, U.S. Army; William Ross Maslen, U.S. Army; Joanna S. Painter, U.S. Army; Frank M. Rinella, U.S. Army/U.S. Navy; James Souza, U.S. Army; Harvey Wieprecht, U.S. Army; Charles Johnson, U.S. Coast Guard; Eldon Lewis Cedergreen, U.S. Marine Corps; Richard J. Courson, U.S. Marine Corps; Milton R. Emerson, U.S. Marine Corps; Harold G. Lowry, U.S. Marine Corps; Arthur Edward Tinker, U.S. Marine Corps; Harold E. Wyman, U.S. Marine Corps; Francis H. Bagley, U.S. Navy; Everett H. Belcher, U.S. Navy; Kenneth Ray Book, U.S. Navy; John C. Drake, U.S. Navy; Richard E. Ernst, U.S. Navy; Galen L. Goodale, U.S. Navy; Elmer LeRoy Grady, U.S. Navy; Leroy J. Hennrich, U.S. Navy; Leland P. Johnson, U.S. Navy; Vernon O. Keiper, U.S. Navy; Andrew Doyle Knox, U.S. Navy; Richard A. Leibham, U.S. Navy; James Frederick Leitch, U.S. Navy; Erwin A. Marsh, U.S. Navy; Richard Guy Miller, U.S. Navy; Addison Parry, U.S. Navy; Walter Prosser, U.S. Navy; Chester Leroy Smith, U.S. Navy; John E. Van Laning, U.S. Navy; Robert J. Wyatt, U.S. Navy; Alice Maxine Tatone, U.S. Navy WAVE.

These 50 heroes join more than 98,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Dick and Erik Tobiason for their tireless work with Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon.

NICK HALL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nick Hall for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nick Hall is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nick Hall is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nick Hall for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING REV. DR. NOEL BATTLE AND MARTHA HALL BATTLE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, on January 26, 1933, a tenacious man of God, Reverend Dr. Noel Battle was born in Union Point, Georgia; and

Whereas, on February 14, 1937, a virtuous woman of God, Martha Hall Battle was born in Greensboro, Georgia; and

Whereas, they both were raised in Georgia and they married on August 31, 1958, at the Springfield Baptist Church in Greensboro, Georgia; their union was blessed with four children, thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, this phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman and this stellar man of God have shared their time and talents as inspirational pillars in our district, being citizens of great

worth, fearless leaders and servants to all by always advancing the lives of others; and

Whereas, this year we celebrate a couple that is blessed with a happy life, devoted to God, family and community; and

Whereas, the works of Reverend and Mrs. Battle have and continue to enhance the lives of citizens in our district and beyond, we pause to acknowledge their unyielding service, for they are truly cornerstones in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend and Mrs. Battle on their accomplishments this year and to wish them well and recognize them for their exemplary lives which are an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 23, 2013 as Reverend Dr. Noel Battle and Mrs. Martha Battle Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 23rd day of February, 2013.

MORGAN JEWELL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Morgan Jewell for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Morgan Jewell is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Morgan Jewell is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Morgan Jewell for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO MARY GLENN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman . . . who has given of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Ms. Mary Glenn's work is present in DeKalb County, Georgia, for all to see, being an advocate for the youth, the elderly, the poor and ordinary citizens like you and me; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; she never asked for fame or fortune to uplift those in need, she just wanted to do what was right; and